



## Linda L. Cochran

April 12, 1938 - August 11, 2021

Linda L. Besson Cochran, 83, of Mentone, Indiana passed at 2:30 pm, Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw, Indiana.

Linda was born on April 12, 1938 in Warsaw, Indiana to the late William Earl and Leona (Leininger) Besson. She was raised by her father, and after her mother's passing her step mother Lela. She married on May 20, 1961 in Mentone, Indiana to William "Bill" M. Cochran, who preceded her in death on March 15, 2018.

She was a 1956 graduate of Mentone High School. Linda had been the Assistant Librarian and a Teacher's Aide at the Mentone Elementary School, retiring in 1993. She had been a lifetime and very dedicated member of the Mentone Church of Christ. She was on the board and served many roles for the Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum and helped organize Rotors Over Mentone. Linda enjoyed genealogy and took great interest in history. She was a key member of curating the Mentone Historical Museum, where she was known to give tours. She had also been a member of the Mentone M&M Extension Club and the Bell Memorial Public Library where she served with the Friends of the Library.

Linda was a seamstress and loved to make clothes for her granddaughters

Jennifer and Krista. She, along with the ladies of the church, made cancer caps for the children at Riley's as well as for the community. Linda and Bill were honored as past Parade Marshals for the Mentone Eggs Festival. Over the years she had been an active part of the Mentone Alumni Committee. She was known to be a community minded person that enjoyed helping fellow Bulldogs and friends in all ranges of events and activities.

Linda is survived by daughters Leisa Norman of Mentone, Ind. and Laura and husband Jeff Felzien of South Vienna, Ohio; grandchildren Jennifer and husband T.J. Keathley and Krista and husband Nate Peterson both of Fairborn, Ohio; sister-in-law Lois Besson of Carmel, Ind.; brother-in-laws Skip Cochran and Dan Stine; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, an infant son Gary Dean Cochran, a brother Keith Besson, and step mother Lela Besson.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Monday, August 16, 2021 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with Minister Kent Jones officiating.

The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana next to her husband.

Visitation hours will take place from 2 pm to 5 pm, Sunday, August 15, 2021 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in Linda's memory to the Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum or the Mentone Church of Christ.

# Cemetery Details

## Mentone Cemetery

Morgan St Jefferson Street  
Mentone, IN 46539

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 15.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home  
101 North Tucker Street  
P.O. Box 56  
Mentone, IN 46539  
(574) 353-7975  
info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 16.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda L. Cochran*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - August 13, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JY

“ *I worked occasionally with Linda through the Extension Homemakers. She was active in her club and in the county organization. She always had a smile on her face and was willing to help anyone who needed it. She will be missed by he family and community in many ways.*

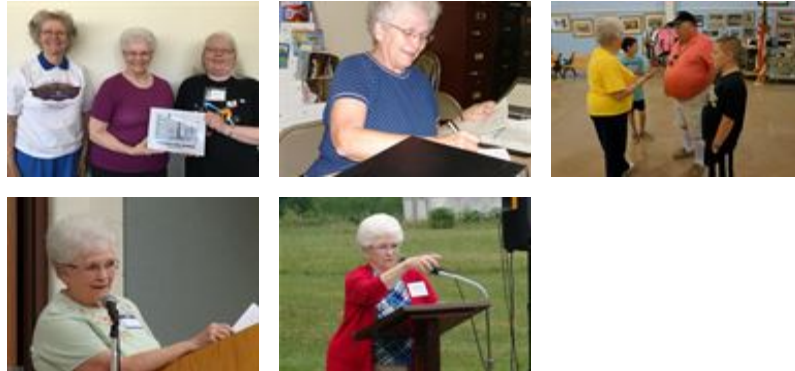
*Joan Younce.*

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**Joan Younce** - August 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - August 15, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DW

“ *Linda and Bill were the nicest people we ever met. They embodied what a true Christian is. I'm sorry we are not going to be able to go to the viewing or funeral.*

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**Dawn and John Williams** - August 14, 2021 at 10:39 PM

OM

“ *Orabelle Meredith lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Cochran*



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**Orabelle Meredith** - August 14, 2021 at 10:46 AM

RG

“ *Renae Grass lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Cochran*



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**Renae Grass** - August 14, 2021 at 08:49 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gillman lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Cochran*



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**Linda Gillman** - August 13, 2021 at 07:39 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Gillman Holloway lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Cochran*



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**Michelle Gillman Holloway** - August 13, 2021 at 06:17 PM

MH

“ When I was a student at Mentone Elementary/Junior High school, I had the honor of being Mrs. Cochran's library helper every day (instead of study hall) for 3 years. She was the most sweetest and kind person I ever knew. Because of the opportunity that I had working in the library, it and Mrs. Cochran played a part in my becoming a writer. She made me realize how much I loved to read and write. I just saw her out and about a couple of weeks ago and we exchanged hello's, like she always did with a big smile. I'm sure going to miss seeing her from time to time and her smile. I sure do miss seeing Bill as well. They both always made time to say hello to this Gillman girl and I will never forget their kindness. The Cochran family are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

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**Michelle Gillman Holloway** - August 13, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda L. Cochran.



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August 13, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ 81 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hartzler Funeral Services** - August 13, 2021 at 11:24 AM

LS

“ *Lois Besson, Stephen, Kelly, Russ, Sarah purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Linda L. Cochran.*



**Lois Besson, Stephen, Kelly, Russ, Sarah** - August 13, 2021 at 10:46 AM

AH

“ *Mrs Cochran was a very sweet lady at Mentone Library school. She will be missed by many. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.*



**Aj & Angela (Earl) Himes** - August 13, 2021 at 08:45 AM

RH

“ My granddaughter had a Raggedy Ann doll that Linda made. It was very special because it had a heart. She was a fine seamstress and crafter. I enjoyed many conversations with her. Praying for her family. You lost a special lady.

*Rosa Hatfield*

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**Rosa Hatfield** - August 12, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda L. Cochran.



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August 12, 2021 at 07:29 PM

LB

“ Praying for Linda's family. She was very much respected by the Mentone School staff--always bringing us laughter and smiles with her positive attitude and anecdotes. She will truly be missed. May all of our loving memories bring her family and friends peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Lynn A Bryant** - August 12, 2021 at 07:05 PM

JV

“ Our prayers 🙏 to Leisa & Mike and Sister & families. In Christ's Love. Jim & Patricia Vigar. Madera, CA.



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**Jim Vigar** - August 12, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Linda L. Cochran.



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August 12, 2021 at 04:41 PM